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SUBJECT: UK TO SUSPEND PIG SUBSIDY JUNE 11

BEGIN SUMMARY: UK AGRICULTURE MINISTER TOLD HOUSE OF  
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COMMONS MAY 26 THAT PIG SUBSIDY WILL BE SUSPENDED JUNE  
11. HMG HAS MEANWHILE APPLIED TO COMMISSION FOR URGENT  
ACTION TO BE TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 135 OF ACCESSION TREATY.  
END SUMMARY.

1. UK AGRICULTURE MINISTER, JOHN SILKIN, TOLD HOUSE OF  
COMMONS MAY 26 THAT THE UK TEMPORARY PIG SUBSIDY WILL BE

SUSPENDED FROM JUNE 11 FOLLOWING MAY 21 EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE RULING ON ITS LEGALITY. ALL PIGS CERTIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 11 WILL RECIEVE THE SUBSIDY. SILKIN AGAIN TOLD MP'S HE HAS PRESSED ON COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ASSIST THE UK PIG INDUSTRY WHICH CLAIMS SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IS BEING CAUSED BY MCA'S COINCIDING WITH WEAK DEMAND AND HIGH FEED COSTS. SILKIN ANNOUNCED HE HAS MADE FOCATION TO COMMISSION FOR URGENT ACTION USING THEIR POWERS UNDER ARTICLE 135 OF TREATY OF ACCESSION AND SAID DISCUSSIONS ON THE APPLICATION HAVE ALREADY STARTED WITH THE COMMISSION.

2. OPPOSITION AGRICULTURE SPOKESMAN JOHN PEYTON COMPLAINED THAT SUBMISSION UNDER ARTICLE 135 SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE EARLIER.

3. SILKIN SAID LATER THAT THE COURT STILL HAD TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE DECISION AND IF IT WERE FAVOURABLE TO UK, HMG WOULD STILL BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE AID RETRO-ACTIVELY.

4. OPPOSITION SPEAKERS POINTED TO DANGER OF HEADLONG. FLIGHT FROM PIGS AND SHARP IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN PIG SLAUGHTER INCLUDING BREEDING STOCK. CHAIRMAN OF NFU PIG COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT PLEADED WITH FARMERS TO KEEP THEIR NERVE AND OT FLOOD THE MARKET BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 11.

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